

Blood And Oil The Dangers Consequences Of Americas Growing Dependency On Imported Petroleum Michael T Klare

'Clear-eyed and illuminating.' Henry Kissinger, former Secretary of State and National Security Advisor 'A rich, superbly researched, balanced history of the modern Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.' General David Petraeus, former Commander U.S. Central Command and Director of the Central Intelligence Agency 'Destined to be the best single volume on the Kingdom.' Ambassador Chas Freeman, former U.S. Ambassador to Saudi Arabia and Assistant Secretary of Defense 'Should be prescribed reading for a new generation of political leaders.' Sir Richard Dearlove, former Chief of H.M. Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) and Master of Pembroke College, Cambridge. Something extraordinary is happening in Saudi Arabia. A traditional, tribal society once known for its lack of tolerance is rapidly implementing significant economic and social reforms. An army of foreign consultants is rewriting the social contract, King Salman has cracked down hard on corruption, and his dynamic though inexperienced son, the Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman, is promoting a more tolerant Islam. But is all this a new vision for Saudi Arabia or merely a mirage likely to dissolve into Iranian-style revolution? David Rundell - one of America's foremost experts on Saudi Arabia - explains how the country has been stable for so long, why it is less so today, and what is most likely to happen in the future. The book is based on the author's close contacts and intimate knowledge of the country where he spent 15 years living and working as a diplomat. Vision or Mirage demystifies one of the most powerful, but least understood, states in the Middle East and is essential reading for anyone interested in the power dynamics and politics of the Arab World.

Since September 11th 2001 and the commencement of the 'war on terror', the world's attention has been focused on the relationship between US foreign policy in the Middle East and the oceans of crude oil that lie beneath the region's soil. Michael Klare traces oil's impact on international affairs since World War II, revealing its influence on the Truman, Eisenhower, Nixon and Carter governments. He shows how America's own wells are drying up as demand increases and warns that by 2010 the US will need to import 60% of its oil. And since most of this supply will have to come from chronically unstable, often violently anti-American zones - the Persian Gulf, the Caspian Sea, Latin America and Africa - their dependency is bound to lead to recurrent military involvement.

From the author of "Resource Wars," comes a landmark assessment of the critical role of petroleum in America's actions abroad. With clarity and urgency, "Blood and Oil" delineates the United States' predicament and cautions that it is time to change the country's energy policies, before it spends the next decades paying for oil with blood.

In My Aspartame Experiment: Report from a Private Citizen, author Victoria Inness-Brown recounts her controversial 2-1/2 year study of the effects of the artificial sweetener aspartame. Found in packets of NutraSweet or Equal, the sweetener is ingested by an estimated 200 million people and found in over 6,000 consumables, including sodas, candies, coffees, pharmaceuticals, vitamins, and dairy products. Though approved by the FDA, Inness-Brown claims the approval was based on studies cut off before the true effects of the additive could be seen. In addition, human studies use aspartame in capsules, which is not assimilated as fully as its liquid form, thereby minimizing adverse effects. Concerned about the health of family members addicted to diet soda, Inness-Brown raised 108 rats, giving 60 NutraSweet-laced water for 2 ½ years. As her rats on aspartame began manifesting tumors, paralysis, infected and bleeding eyes, and obesity, Inness-Brown made digital videos of the results, culminating in a disturbing visual record of the dangers of the additive. When leaked on the net in 2008, her findings became a hot news topic on popular blogs. Carefully researched, laced with photos and quotes from aspartame sufferers, scientists, and doctors, her book shows that a citizen can go up against a drug conglomerate and provide the public with important new information about a dangerous substance. Not since Rachel Carson's Silent Spring, has a book held such potential for social change. Her analysis of the environment she provided her rats brings up frightening issues about pesticides, herbicides, genetically modified foods, animal products, water and air quality. She believes that we are the rats of the companies that liberally spread their synthetic chemicals worldwide. No one fully understands the long-term effects-especially the complex interactions from intermixing thousands of toxic chemicals within the plant and animal kingdoms sustaining our planet.

The White Seed Brings Life to Worlds Three thousand years ago, the seeds arrived from Earth on hundreds of worlds. The developed worlds formed the Network, connected only by radio and laser. Since the time of the seeds, nothing but information has traveled between the stars. Now a starship, The Child of Ambition, is changing that. Her first mission: to explore the dark worlds, the ones that failed. Kali Hakoian, pilot-astronaut and war hero, thought landing on the super-Earth of Keto would be routine. The emptiest seed world—its global ocean matted with algae and crawling with hurricanes—hides the oldest human ruins. Her crew of scientists: a dreamer, a believer, and a retired assassin. Their hypothesis—self-termination of the seed base. But when an act of sabotage strands her in the path of a superstorm, she's forced to escape with the man she trusts the least. They may never find out what happened to the settlers—unless it happens to them. Can she trust her crew enough to find a way out of the darkness? A planet plagued with tumult from outsiders and divided by its own religious dichotomy could face extinction if their faiths are not united and an unholy artifact is destroyed. Safiro, the God of Death, and Sanguina, the Goddess of Life, created two heroes (Vytametas) -- mirror twins separated at birth yet destined to meet in a place where the future of their world will be decided by their powers. The only people who know not the ultimate purpose of the legendary Vytametas are the young heroes themselves. While the teenage Vytametas learn of their world and of their mission, they will be turned against each other by the two faiths they are meant to save: the demented Safiric Brotherhood and the shady Sanguinic Sisterhood.

From the author of Resource Wars, a landmark assessment of the critical role of petroleum in America's actions abroad In his pathbreaking Resource Wars, world security expert Michael T. Klare alerted us to the role of resources in conflicts in the post-Cold War world. Now, in Blood and Oil, he concentrates on a single precious commodity, petroleum, while issuing a warning to the United States-its most powerful, and most dependent, global consumer. Since September 11th and the commencement of the "war on terror," the world's attention has been focused on the relationship between U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East and the oceans of crude oil that lie beneath the region's soil. Klare traces oil's impact on international affairs since World War II, revealing its influence on the Truman, Eisenhower, Nixon, and Carter doctrines. He shows how America's own wells are drying up as our demand increases; by 2010, the United States will need to import 60 percent of its oil. And since most of this supply will have to come from chronically unstable, often violently anti-American zones-the Persian Gulf, the Caspian Sea, Latin America, and Africa-our dependency is bound to lead to recurrent military involvement. With clarity and urgency, Blood and Oil delineates the United

States' predicament and cautions that it is time to change our energy policies, before we spend the next decades paying for oil with blood.

Blood and OilThe Dangers and Consequences of America's Growing Dependency on Imported PetroleumMetropolitan Books "You're in luck, Alfred," he declared. "That's the most interesting man in New York-one of the most interesting in the world. That's Sanford Quest." "Who's he?" "You haven't heard of Sanford Quest?" "Never in my life." The young man whose privilege it was to have been born and lived all his days in New York, drank half a glassful of wine and leaned back in his chair. Words, for a few moments, were an impossibility. "Sanford Quest," he pronounced at last, "is the greatest master in criminology the world has ever known. He is a magician, a scientist, the Pierpont Morgan of his profession." "Say, do you mean that he is a detective?" The New Yorker steadied himself with an effort. Such ignorance was hard to realise-harder still to deal with. "Yes," he said simply, "you could call him that-just in the same way you could call Napoleon a soldier or Lincoln a statesman..."

Almost 70% of parents who refuse to vaccinate their children do so because they believe vaccines may cause harm. Indeed vaccines have been blamed for causing asthma, autism, diabetes, and many other conditions most of which have causes that are incompletely understood. Do Vaccines Cause That?! A Guide for Evaluating Vaccine Safety Concerns provides parents with clearly understandable, science-based information about vaccines, immunization, and vaccine safety.

The Sunday School Detour's Monsters and the High Seas are children's adventure stories. The main character, Joey Masonboro with his quite active imagination takes off on a series of adventures as his Sunday School teacher tells well-known bible stories. His adventures always manage to take somewhat of a detour from the original story line.

This Element is an excerpt from The Coming China Wars: Where They Will Be Fought and How They Can Be Won (ISBN: 9780132359825) by Peter Navarro. Available in print and digital formats. How China's no-holds-barred race for oil is destabilizing the world and causing massive human misery. China's rapidly expanding thirst for petroleum sent gas and oil prices soaring. China's brass-knuckled, amoral approach to securing its oil reserves is facilitating such tragedies as the slaughter of Burmese protestors and the Darfur genocide. China's willingness to trade "blood and nukes for oil" is also rapidly accelerating the global arms race and nuclear proliferation.

Indistinct voices, strange visitations and unusual dreams have begun to plague Nineteen-year-old Khari days before her return from London to her Oregon home. As the occurrences have spawned haunting emotions she thought she had escaped, she realizes she can't ignore them any longer and begins to surrender to their pull. Feeling weary and a bit crazy, Khari struggles to cope with what is happening to her. She is forced to open up about herself, only to find out secrets were kept from her by those she trusts the most. She then begins a problematic journey toward self-discovery and uncovers more than she ever imagined possible. But, continuing toward understanding requires Khari to face a dangerous figure, risk of death and a fight for love. Kharishma explores the importance of family ties, both past and present, the consequences of love and hate, and the power of believing in ones self. It is a story of deception, humility, discovery and the strength of bonds to the seen and unseen. It is a story that will not be easily forgotten and will leave you wishing for more.

Vivian Flynn was born to be a star. Already the pride and joy of her family, she's even turned her gangster grandfather into a fan. Her dream is to make it big in Hollywood, and there is no time to waste. When she loses her possessions on her way to California, Vivian finds herself stranded in the rough, glittering gulch of Las Vegas. Taking a job as a showgirl, isn't her dream job - yet her Italian boss is just plain dreamy. One kiss from him, and she's seeing stars of another kind. But the casino owner seems too good to be true. Can he be trusted? Or is he a crook, just like all the rest? Enzo Star is a World War II hero who has come home determined not to continue in a life of crime. He headed to Vegas to leave behind his criminal past and everything that goes with it - including his real name. When an innocent girl off the bus from Iowa walks into his office, the urge to protect her from local mob members is too much to resist. Enzo soon discovers she's more than meets the eye. Viva, as he nicknames her, proves she isn't just talented, she's vital for the survival of his casino. Just when things seem to be going well for his business and his love life, his involvement with the only living relative of the notorious Eddy "The Knife" Killian might just be his demise.

Annabelle tries to collect a bounty, only to find she hunted down the wrong man!

THE BIG BOOK OF HOME REMEDIES Discover Solutions to Everyday Problems With A Natural Approach Many of us are looking for alternative measures to treating the whole person, not just the disease or ailment. Natural healing treatments can pinpoint and correct the source of imbalance in the body that manifests as symptoms, ailments, disease or personal challenges. Western medicine is amazing for putting us back together following an accident or surgery to save our lives however mild ailment are at times best treated with natural healing alternative methods. Many times doctors reach for a prescription pad to mask pain and ailments, before thinking about what natural alternatives can assist the body to heal itself. The human body is an amazing tool, that is programmed to self heal. Unfortunately due to our lifestyles and "quick fix" mindsets we have forgotten how nature can assist us to heal ourselves. There are still cultures today that use natural methods for cleaning, healing and living. These cultures have limited diseases that we find in our Western life. They use plant based products and ingredients that don't require a Chemistry degree to understand and these cultures continue to live a natural healing lifestyle. Now lets put all our cards on the table here... You can't continue to live a healthy and fulfilled life using poisons and harm chemicals in your day to day life... right? RIGHT! Take a moment to think about how your life will look in 5 years, 10 years or even 20 years if you continue to expose yourself to toxic ingredients and harmful chemicals through personal care products, household cleaning chemicals, diet and medicine... .Taking care of your body, your vessel, is the most important thing you can do for yourself! Stop Wishing You Were One Of The Healthy Ones..... From Today You Too Can Live A Healthy Life In This Book You Will Discover..... Top tips on the best household healers and cleaner, best vitamins for your health, best aromatherapy oils, best exercises for your health, best stress relievers, best ways to combat insomnia and how to get a great nights sleep, reasons to grow organic foods, and so much more Home Remedies for some of the most common personal ailments like acne, back ache, asthma, eczema, constipation, cold and flu, stress, body odor, infections, cramps, PMS, thrush, warts and 100's more The secret methods of healing your doctor won't tell you Why thousands of people never fully recover from illnesses, but why you will What I know that will have your mind, body and spirit working together to heal your body, mind and spirit Your doctor holds all the answers to your medical problem right? WRONG! Facts on what is best for you is in scattered through the book WARNING - Long term pharmaceutical medication could be doing more harm than good to your body. Could natural painkillers help? Are you sick of not being able to understand the ingredients in personal care products and household cleaners? Wouldn't you rather use natural ingredients? The sneaky natural cleaning tips that the media never tell you about Give me one minute and I can tell you the two simple ingredients that will change the way you clean around your house; and it natural and safe The quick and easy ways to get sufficient nutrients into your body without having to take supplements... Because your eating healthy...right? The number one way to stimulate the body to release its own natural pain killers

I've spent the last year cleaning up the mess Percy left after his failed coup. It isn't glamorous, but it's a job, and it pays well enough. Percy altered the Cure in a way to make it easier to create his little vampire army, but his new vampires have attitude problems and are worse at playing by the rules than I am, and they are the mess I'm trying to clean up. No biggie, I'm pretty good at that kind of housecleaning. The only problem is that someone called the cops on Percy's little house party. Homeland Security got hold of the new and improved Cure, made their own vampire anti-terrorist unit, and dropped them into freaking Yemen. Like most ill-conceived government projects, this one went bad real fast, and guess who has to fix it? Now I have to I have to hunt down and kill these rogue vampires, take on the U.S. government, and destroy

all evidence of our existence. And, oh yeah, there's a freaking bomb in my head!

Layla, a Palestinian woman, witnesses the diaspora of her family during the war in Palestine in 1948. Torn between her culture and the western way of life, Layla chases a dream of love and independence. Her journey takes her around the world, ending with a dramatic love story with a Jewish American man. *Out of Reach* is a compelling story of an independent woman who learns the harsh lessons of her life through marriage, romance, loss and deceit.

Married too young and nearly destroyed by the hell of thirteen years of deceit and unfaithfulness, Janie Marcel finds herself standing before a divorce court judge. The dreams she'd had for "happily ever after" now shattered, she must find the courage to begin again. A new romance brings with it the hope that life can be beautiful, but can it withstand the wrath of her ex-husband's jealousy? Refusing to let him continue to upset her life, Janie decides to move. But when she meets the previous owner of her new house, she falls for him. Now torn between two romances she must find a way to decide which path will lead her to happiness. When she is suddenly visited, in a dream by the ghost of her twin sister everything she believes in is shaken. Her sanity is challenged, as she must deal with constant threats from her Ex, deciding between two romantic interests, and accepting the existence of paranormal beings. Her story takes you on a roller coaster ride through steamy sexual encounters, heated battles of wit, and a hauntingly touching trip down memory lane. Janie will find the courage to listen to her sister's ghost and will learn deeply hidden secrets about her past that will forever change her life. Her story is filled with twists that will shock and surprise you and at times have you in tears as she struggles to find the courage to defeat dangers, surpass her fears, and earn the right to happily ever after.

A well-researched work! Fr. Cornelius has put so much time, energy and skill into this book and it is my sincere wish that bishops, priests, formators, and seminarians get a copy of this book for both informative and formative study. I hope it will not just form part of our already bulky libraries but will be seriously and conscientiously read in view of formation towards transformation. A million thanks to the author for this soul-searching contribution towards an integrated formation for our seminarians in Igboland. If this challenge is taken seriously, the face of the priesthood in Igboland shall be renewed. Sr. Theresa Eke Clinical Psychologist & Formator, Daughters of Charity, Eleme, Portharcourt *The Future of the Catholic Priesthood in Igboland: Dangers and Challenges Ahead* is a compelling book on the problems of the Catholic priesthood. The book makes it clear that as in Europe and America, priests in Nigeria sometimes constitute a source of great worry to the Church. The main reasons for priestly misbehavior among Igbo priests are wrong motive, as well as deficient training. The book calls for purity of intention among aspirants to the priesthood. Only Jesus Christ's ideal of the priesthood as service is the true model. In it, Fr.

Cornelius combines two apparently opposing styles of a bestseller and a research work. Let this book be read by all who want to see a drastic improvement in the quality of priests. Rev. Fr. Dr. Augustine Oburota Rector, Pope John Paul II Major Seminary, Okpuno, Awka *Life in lower class as offspring of a notorious thief* was simple for the Quartar daughters until accidental mishaps with the other classes of society turn their dirt poor lives around for worse and better. Eight young women are taken from the slums into the high class world they never understood only at first to find betrayal, suffering, scandal, revenge and corruption. Then, before they know it they are wrapped in the grandest scandal their country of Galli has ever seen. The kingdom of Cretaine is trying to overthrow the corrupted kingdom of Galli. The Quartar family must betray their world in order to save Galli from a brutal civil war.

Natural resources like oil and minerals are the largest source of unaccountable power in the world. Petrocrats like Putin and the Saudis spend resource money on weapons and oppression; militants in Iraq and in the Congo spend resource money on radicalization and ammunition. Resource-fueled authoritarians and extremists present endless crises to the West-and the source of their resource power is ultimately ordinary consumers, doing their everyday shopping at the gas station and the mall. In this sweeping new book, one of today's leading political philosophers, Leif Wenar, goes behind the headlines in search of the hidden global rule that thwarts democracy and development-and that puts shoppers into business with some of today's most dangerous men. Wenar discovers a rule that once licensed the slave trade and apartheid and genocide, a rule whose abolition has marked some of humanity's greatest triumphs-yet a rule that still enflames tyranny and war and terrorism through today's multi-trillion dollar resource trade. *Blood Oil* shows how the West can now lead a peaceful revolution by ending its dependence on authoritarian oil, and by getting consumers out of business with the men of blood. The book describes practical strategies for upgrading world trade: for choosing new rules that will make us more secure at home, more trusted abroad, and better able to solve pressing global problems like climate change. *Blood Oil* shows citizens, consumers and leaders how we can act together today to create a more united human future.

An Urban Tale... Detective Bronson (aka DB) & his partner Detective Mitchell are lead detectives in Washington, D.C.'s Homicide Division. In one month they come across several murders that are linked together in more ways than one. Meanwhile Bleek (aka DaJuan), Detective Bronson's son, is a decent student and a star athlete. The absence of his deceased mother, and a father who's consumed by his career & new love interest, is slowly changing his life. So he clings to his closest friends, and his girlfriend Tykia for love & sense of family. An unexpected twist turns the case upside down & leaves Detective Bronson with one of the toughest choices in his life.

The second book in *The Outlaw Preacher* series finds James, aka Nine Ball facing intense spiritual and physical warfare from page one! There is no grace period from Outlaw to Evangelist and the enemy is a sore loser. The preacher is the target and the collateral damage begins immediately. This is hard core evangelism and it's not for the closet Christian or mamby pamby wishy washy, it's for contemporary warriors who recognize that we've been called to fight evil in our world. *The Outlaw Preacher* is a rough character who lives and loves at high speed. You will either love or hate this guy, but you cannot deny his love for the Lord or his woman, nor his devotion to his club.

Clutter has a negative effect on your life. You want to live differently, but you haven't been able to make progress. Marcie Lovett, author of *The Clutter Book*, will motivate you to make the changes you want. Learn to let go of what you don't need and find room for what you value. The direct, accessible writing style and interactive exercises will inspire you to succeed. In this book, Marcie guides you through the process of letting go of the clutter that is keeping you from achieving success. Whether your clutter is caused by things, commitments or thoughts, Marcie encourages you to make the choices to conquer your challenges. If previous attempts at letting go of clutter have not been successful for you, you will benefit from the motivation and wisdom Marcie offers. Written in a straightforward and accessible style, filled with insight and real-life stories, the book enables readers to learn from the experience of others and overcome obstacles to success. You will understand why you keep clutter, save time and money by avoiding unnecessary purchases, discover the habits that hold you back, find ways to fight procrastination and create systems that allow you to retrieve and return items. Whether you want to live with less or live with what you have, this is the book for you.

As Ruben Wells kneels with a gun pointed at his head all he can do is reflect on the life he spoiled. What has led him here? Was it his willingness to always try to do the right thing that has him staring at the barrel of a gun? Or was that he was too much of a people pleaser having a hard time saying no that has led to him begging for his life? Every thing begins and ends with a choice. The moment a choice is made it only takes a second for a life to change. Ruben made a choice to initiate a relationship with the alluring Bianca Jones. She makes heads turn and every man's dream. She is beautiful as a gazelle, but as dangerous as a lioness, as she's unavailable due to being unhappily married with children. Being married doesn't keep her from wanting to pursue Ruben as well as being pursued by him. Getting involved with Bianca changes Ruben's life in ways he never could have imagined. Choices are a gift constantly given to everyone. The choices made lead to different paths. We all have to choose this day what we're going to do with our own lives not knowing what the end result will be. What kind of impact will Ruben's choices have on his life?

This action packed reader-gripping book is a grueling harsh journey of Zimbabweans who cross borders into South Africa illegally, in search of greener pastures. Their worst nightmare is not only the crocodile infested river Limpopo that they cross, but also what they locally call Amagumagama, a notorious gang of thieves and contract slayers who prey on the little possessions they migrate with, rape or sodomize them and ruthlessly butcher the vulnerable in order to sell their body parts to local witchdoctors and those afar. These grisly murderers have laid into graves many lives! The ill-fated border jumpers also have to contend with vicious, ravenous predators like lions, leopards and hyenas and other such carnivores in search of easy prey. Brutal soldiers vigilantly guarding these borders for trespassers also add to their woes. Of course, these law-breaking border-jumpers have those who help them out. For a fee of a thousand five hundred rands or two hundred American dollars, the Malayisha (cross-border taxi drivers) transport them from various parts of Zimbabwe to the Beit-Bridge border post, where they are handed over to the Impisi (escorts) at secluded rendezvous outside the border posts. These Impisi are paid by the Malayisha to escort their passengers without passports, across river Limpopo right up to near Musina in South Africa where they pick them up again and take them to Johannesburg. The border jumpers however risk all these predators that hunt down anything that moves throughout the night. In the novel, we meet Themba Khumalo who had always wanted to go to the lucrative South Africa but did not have Malayisha's fees until when his father died, he inherited two of his father's donkeys and gave them to a local Malayisha as payment in kind, for the fees to take him to Johannesburg. What he did not know was that where he was going, the familiar became mysterious and the unfamiliar, gruesome and bizarre indeed! It was a place of delusion and paradox with a very thin line between life and death, as too many predatory eyes were fixed on the prey!

THE KING'S LION IS BACK IN A SWASHBUCKLING ADVENTURE After years of fighting, peace reigns over the Eagle Empire. General Leandros is enjoying a romantic vacation with his wife at sea when a mysterious sea captain, the Mask, abducts them, asking for their help to free his fellow islanders from slavery. Leandros and Helena start training the islanders, conducting daring raids on land and sea to free the slaves. Their only allies are a powerful sea-witch and a savage crew of ex-pirates. Breathtaking duels and fierce battles turn the tide in favour of the islanders until the enemy monarch sends his Grand Fleet to subdue them. With only two ships and a handful of men, the King's Lion faces a terrifying challenge. The future of an entire nation lies in his hands.

From award-winning Wall Street Journal reporters comes a revelatory look at the inner workings of the world's most powerful royal family, and how the struggle for succession produced Saudi Arabia's charismatic but ruthless Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, aka MBS. 35-year-old Mohammed bin Salman's sudden rise stunned the world. Political and business leaders such as former UK prime minister Tony Blair and WME chairman Ari Emanuel flew out to meet with the crown prince and came away convinced that his desire to reform the kingdom was sincere. He spoke passionately about bringing women into the workforce and toning down Saudi Arabia's restrictive Islamic law. He lifted the ban on women driving and explored investments in Silicon Valley. But MBS began to betray an erratic interior beneath the polish laid on by scores of consultants and public relations experts like McKinsey & Company. The allegations of his extreme brutality and excess began to slip out, including that he ordered the assassination of journalist Jamal Khashoggi. While stamping out dissent by holding 300 people, including prominent members of the Saudi royal family, in the Ritz-Carlton hotel and elsewhere for months, he continued to exhibit his extreme wealth, including buying a \$70 million chateau in Europe and one of the world's most expensive yachts. It seemed that he did not understand nor care about how the outside world would react to his displays of autocratic muscle—what mattered was the flex. Blood and Oil is a gripping work of investigative journalism about one of the world's most decisive and dangerous new leaders. Hope and Scheck show how MBS' precipitous rise coincided with the fraying of the simple bargain that had been at the head of US-Saudi relations for more than 80 years: oil, for military protection. Caught in his net are well-known US bankers, Hollywood figures, and politicians, all eager to help the charming and crafty crown prince. The Middle East is already a volatile region. Add to the mix an ambitious prince with extraordinary powers, hunger for lucre, a tight relationship with the White House through President Trump's son in law Jared Kushner, and an apparent willingness to break anything—and anyone—that gets in the way of his vision, and the stakes of his rise are bracing. If his bid fails, Saudi Arabia has the potential to become an unstable failed state and a magnet for Islamic extremists. And if his bid to transform his country succeeds, even in part, it will have reverberations around the world. Longlisted for the Financial Times & McKinsey Business Book of the Year Award

Paul Jonas leader of the "Blackout Gang" is released early from prison, only doing 10 of his 50 year sentence. Tension rises as Jonas realizes that his sister is a wild card and still pulling rank on his gang, even though he has return home. Even worse, his early release was not without a price, a sexy undercover DEA agent is sent to intercept Jonas and gets entangled into his web and finds herself in over her head having equivocal feelings. The streets of Chicago are painted red, as Blackout Gang place a stranglehold on the city and monopolizes on their territory by creating an active war zone. Things go from bad to worst as rival gang "Bogus Boyz" fights for control and the body count in Chicago reach epic proportions. Will the DEA be successful in their pursuit of taking down Blackout Gang ? Will Blackout Gang pull off the impossible by being the first gang in the history of Chicago to take dominance of the entire city? --Editor, Robert Kauffman "Blackout Gang at the core is fictional retelling of gang life on the streets of Chicago and Chris grabs you with his writing from the beginning to end. He keeps you guessing. The story brings awareness of what is really taking place on the streets of Chicago, and gives insight into gang life in the third most populous city in America."

As a young child, becoming a beautiful bride seemed like the ultimate fairy-tale dream. But for Alex Payne, the fantasy of marriage has transformed into a shattering nightmare. Facing constant verbal abuse, sexual violence, and intimidation from her husband Greg, Alex has become a broken shell of the person she used to be. And since Greg slaughtered her beloved puppy Beatrice, she's even more terrified than ever to leave. When Alex learns Greg has been unfaithful, she finally shares her entire story with her best friend Elise, who has also experienced the horror of an abusive relationship. With the help of Elise's boyfriend David, the trio devise a cunning plan to rescue Alex from her misery for good. But with a serial killer on the loose, this grand escape becomes more dangerous than Alex ever imagined-between a deranged murderer roaming the streets and a husband who has already threatened to kill her if she ever attempts to leave, will she manage to survive brutality at home and live to enjoy a new life of freedom?

A sex demon and a preacher's kid? Heaven forbid! Technology whiz Bailey Brown is one of two humans alive who knows a very important secret: that humanity has shared their planet with paranormals for millennia. When an obsessed hacker from her past threatens to expose the secret, Bailey and her Sebastiani Security colleagues must use every weapon at their disposal to stop him. The stakes couldn't be higher, and she can't let herself be distracted by her boss's gorgeous brother, even if he is temptation incarnate... Incubus sculptor Rafe Sebastiani hasn't produced a decent nude in over a year, since he made the most selfish mistake of his life: sleeping with Bailey Brown. Now, with a deadline looming, his cranky muse has finally allowed him to express his memories of that incendiary night in clay. But when his brother asks him to pose as Bailey's lover to provoke her dangerous ex, he jumps at the chance...to sculpt her, to protect her, and to earn the right to tempt her-and only her-for the rest of their lives... Praise for Tamara Hogan and The Underbelly Chronicles: "One of the best debut novels I have read... a gripping novel that will have you from the first page." - Sizzling Hot Book Reviews "Characters that rival some of the most prominent paranormal authors today." - Night Owl Reviews - Top Pick! "Edgy and new... I hope to read more of this new exciting world Hogan has created." Fang-Tastic Books "Hogan performs the rare feat of delivering both heat and heart." - author Susan Sey "Hogan has written a keeper and I am definitely looking forward to the next novel in the series." - That's What I'm Talking About "An inventive melding of science and imagination combined with an erotic tale of semi-forbidden love." - Seductive Musings "It's sweet. It's fun. It's downright naughty." - Pure Textuality

Documenting Danny Marianino's days as a metalhead from childhood into adulthood, *Don't Ever Punch a Rockstar* somehow rationalizes playing in a few hardcore/punk bands, touring, fighting, drinking, internet bullying, celebrity encounters, satanic curses, house fires, harassment and collecting an immeasurable amount of hate mail from some of the most illiterate human beings the world has to offer. Though Oprah will never add this into her book club, it's still a good lesson in accepting the negative with a laugh and gaining a new sense of temperance and humility. At the very least I will entertain you with a campy memoir and a detailed eye-opening account of the chaos that followed the infamous event that VH1 called one of the Most Shocking Moments in Rock and Roll. This is by no means the same old autobiography that you have read before. *Don't Ever Punch a Rockstar* combine elements of *Get in The Van*, *Emails from an Asshole* and *Shit My Dad Says* all in one hot mess of a story. Praise for the book - "Danny Marianino's *Never Punch A Rockstar* is a sock in the jaw to punk/metal scene conformity, and it hurts so good! Final score: North Side Kings 2, Danzig, 0." - STEVEN BLUSH, author/filmmaker, *American Hardcore* "As trenchant, sometimes funny, insightful and shocking as a punch in the face. WHICH is incidentally what started this whole ball rolling. A pretty potent look into the power of image and the punching of the face of arguably a legend of, well, face punching, Glenn Danzig, and the ensuing firestorm that followed. I'd give it 5 black eyes." -- EUGENE S. ROBINSON, singer for Oxbow & author of *FIGHT: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Ass Kicking But Were Afraid You'd Get Your Ass Kicked For Asking* "With *Don't Ever Punch a Rock Star* author Danny Marianino has written an entertaining, humorous and humble autobiography. The often times laugh-out-loud recollections of Danny's life up to and following the infamous run-in with the drama-queen of dark metal is more than engaging and, with the inclusion of hate mail, zany rumors, message board threats and internet tough guys, you're sure to get a good giggle while learning what truly transpired that fateful night in Tuba City." - DUSTIN LAVALLEY, author of *Spinner* "As we have always said on the streets of NY - don't start none -there wont be none - and if you do, at least keep your hands up and guard your grill. Way to K.O. rock star attitudes Danny Boy!" - John Joseph author of *The Evolution of a Cro-Magnon* and *Meat is For Pussies*

As one of the few luzos that can move between worlds, Parilar finds his partner in Jella. He has chosen her to rescue a small community in another world from grave dangers. The completely unprepared young girl plunges into a foreign environment and must face up to dangers and adventures that she has never even dreamed of before. It soon turns out that she possesses extraordinary abilities, and so, with Parilar's help, she is expected to enter into battle with the greatest enemy of her home. That begins a dramatic journey through worlds filled with perilous beings and times filled with magic. Jella feels that she must now face up to her true calling... This book initially was published under the title: "The Codices of Tyrsenor"

A world security expert assesses the critical role that petroleum plays in America's actions abroad, warning that the nation's ever-increasing dependency on foreign oil from turbulent countries is bound to lead to recurrent military involvement in these areas.

On January 10, 1901, Beaumont awoke to the historic roar of the Spindletop gusher. A flood of frantic fortune seekers heard its call and quickly descended on the town. Over the next three decades, Texas's first oil rush transformed the sparsely populated rural state practically beyond recognition. Brothels, bordellos and slums overran sleepy towns, and thick, black oil spilled over once-green pastures. While dreams came true for a precious few, most settled for high-risk, dangerous jobs in the oilfields and passed what spare time they had in the vice districts fueled by crude. From the violent shanties of Desdemona and Mexia to Borger and beyond, wildcat speculators, grifters and barons took the land for all it was worth. Author Barte Haile explores the story of these wild and wooly boomtowns. Book jacket.

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